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1. Ladislav Gonda, of Hungarian origin, director of the Yugoslav state corporation, Technopromet, in Belgrade, has recently been to Italy to negotiate for the purchase of bulldozers to be shipped to Yugoslavia from the United States.
2. While in Italy, Gonda was reportedly approached indirectly by some representatives of Czechoslovakia, who indicated that bulldozers were greatly needed in their country for airfield construction; the suggestion was made that if any of the American bulldozers could be shipped directly to Czechoslovakia, by-passing Yugoslavia, the Czechs would pay double the price wanted.
3. Gonda, who is said to be anti-Soviet, allegedly was not receptive to the above proposal.

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